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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-018-C - ORDER NO. 96-696
OCTOBER 9, 1996

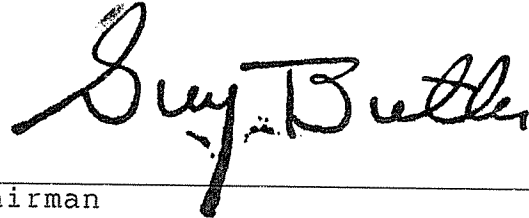
IN RE: TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Generic)
Docket to Address Local)
Competition.) ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") subsequent to the filing of various appeals of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") First Report and Order in the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Order").

The Commission has been advised that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") has appealed the Order on various grounds. This Commission is concerned particularly with the impact that the Order has on states' rights and the functioning of state Commissions under the Telecommunications Act. We therefore order Staff to intervene in NARUC's appeal on behalf of the Commission in order to preserve South Carolina's rights. Staff shall apprise the Commission of the status of the appeal as it proceeds and shall support NARUC's efforts.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)